<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION</u>

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

**TECHNIQUE AND INTERFACE FOR COMPUTER SYSTEM
RESOURCE ASSIGNMENT**

*Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 33 to page 10, line 9, with the
following amended paragraph:*

Once the user decides to modify the design, program flow moves from the
state 408 to a state 412. In the state 412, a design tool may be invoked to develop a
design for the computer or its storage system based [[in]]<u>on</u> the desired performance
levels. Any suitable conventional design tool may be used for this purpose, such as a
computer-aided design tool. In a preferred embodiment, the design tool is similar to
the one disclosed in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. <u>09/924,735</u>
[[_____]], of Eric Anderson, filed on August 7, 2001, and entitled
"SIMULTANEOUS ARRAY CONFIGURATION AND STORE ASSIGNMENT
FOR A DATA STORAGE SYSTEM," the contents of which are hereby incorporated
by reference. Further, manual design techniques may be employed in the state 412,
such that the system is designed completely or partially "by hand."